

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Executive Secretary of the D.C. Board of Education (Board), pursuant to the authority set forth in D.C. Code, 2001 edition, Section 38-101, hereby gives notice of proposed rulemaking action taken by the Board at its December 14, 2005 Board meeting to amend Chapter 1 of the Board Rules, Title 5 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations, regarding By-Laws of the Board. The revisions amend Chapter 1 by adding Sections 112 and 113. These revisions will require the following: 1) require resolutions for the adoption of all Board actions; 2) require the resolution to identify the impact of the policy action on the performance goals, operating and capital budgets, instructional plan, and other existing policies or plans; 3) require ceremonial resolutions for recognizing and honoring individuals whose contributions promote academic excellence and are in alignment with the goals of the Board of Education; 4) establish criteria for the awarding of ceremonial resolutions; and 5) establish procedures for presenting ceremonial resolutions.

The Board also gives notice of its intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt this proposed rulemaking in not less than thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

Chapter 1 is amended to add two new sections:

112 Resolutions

112.1 The Board of Education shall use resolutions for the adoption of all actions.

112.2 Resolutions approving policy matters shall identify the purpose of the policy, the impact of the policy on strategic initiatives, performance goals, the operating and capital budgets, the instructional plan, and other policies or plans.

112.3 Resolution approving rulemaking shall require the development of an implementation plan with performance standards for determining the successful implementation of the policy.

112.4 The Executive Secretary shall certify the adoption of each resolution.

113 Ceremonial Resolutions

113.1 The Board of Education shall use ceremonial resolutions for recognizing and honoring individuals whose contributions promote academic excellence and are in alignment with the strategic initiatives and performance goals of the Board of Education.

113.2 The ceremonial resolution can only be considered and adopted if the actions of the recognized individual or organization meet one the following purposes:

- a. Recognition of academic achievement and innovation in teaching and learning.
- b. Recognition of excellence in efficiency and effectiveness of operations.
- c. Recognition of service to students and the District of Columbia Public Schools for achievement of the strategic initiatives and performance goals of the board of Education.
- d. Recognition of youth excellence in the arts, sports, and community service.

113.3 The following conditions must be met before the Board considers and adopts a ceremonial resolution:

- a. The actions of the individual or organization to be recognized must have occurred in the District of Columbia.
- b. The action of the individual or organization that the Board is recognizing must have occurred within one year of the request.
- c. A Board of Education member or the Superintendent must sponsor the ceremonial resolution.
- d. Each ceremonial resolution must have unanimous approval of the Board of Education.
- e. The recipient organization must be good financial standing.

113.4 No more than two ceremonial resolutions shall be presented at each regular stated Board of Education meeting.

113.5 The sponsoring Board of Education member or the Superintendent shall present the ceremonial resolution to the recognized individual or organization.

113.6 The Executive Secretary shall certify the adoption of each ceremonial resolution.

Written comments on the proposed rulemaking are invited from interested citizens. Such comments should be addressed to Ms. Peggy Cooper Cafritz, President, District of Columbia Public Schools Board of Education, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 9108, Washington, D.C. 20002. Copies of this rulemaking are available from the Office of the Board of Education by calling (202) 442-4289.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Registrar, Department of Health, pursuant to the authority set forth in § 27 of the Vital Records Act of 1981 (Act), effective October 8, 1981 (D.C. Law 4-34; D.C. Official Code § 7-226) (2001), hereby gives notice of her intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt the following amendments to section 2800 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. The purpose of the rulemaking is to clarify the procedures for recording a child's name on birth information supplied to the Registrar for the purpose of generating a birth certificate and registering the birth consistent with the requirements of the Act as amended by the Surname Choice Amendment Act of 2002 (D.C. Law 14-299).

Section 2800.6 of Title 29 (Public Welfare) (May 1987) of the DCMR is amended to read as follows:

2800.6 A child's surname shall be entered on the birth certificate as follows:

- (a) A child's surname, if the father's name is included on the birth certificate, may be:
 - (1) The mother's surname;
 - (2) The father's surname;
 - (3) A combination of the mother's surname and the father's surname in any order, or in hyphenated or unhyphenated form; or
 - (4) A surname that has a familial connection to either the father or the mother.
- (b) A child's surname, if the father is not named on the birth certificate, may be:
 - (1) The mother's surname; or
 - (2) A surname that has a familial connection to the mother.
- (c) If a child's surname is not the surname of the mother or the father, or a combination of all or part of both surnames, either the father or the mother shall provide an affidavit stating that the child's surname is the name of a relative or ancestor or has some other clearly stated familial connection.

- (d) A person who submits an affidavit with false information pursuant to subsection (c) shall be subject to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200), imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

All persons wishing to comment on the proposed rulemaking shall submit written comments no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register, to the Department of Health, Office of the General Counsel, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the address listed above.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

**TELEPHONE TARIFF NO. 05-3, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
VERIZON WASHINGTON, DC INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE LOCAL
EXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF, P.S.C.-D.C.- NO. 202**

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") hereby gives notice, pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-505 (2001), of its intent to act upon the Application of Verizon Washington, DC Inc. ("Verizon DC") in the above-captioned matter in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NOPR") in the *D.C. Register*.¹

2. On December 12, 2005, Verizon DC filed an application requesting authority to amend the following tariff pages, effective April 1, 2006, concurrent with the implementation of the District of Columbia Universal Service Trust Fund ("DC USTF") rebalancing rate decreases currently pending approval before the Commission:²

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3. If approved, Verizon states that this filing would increase the rates for the following services, which for the most part will be offset with the DC USTF rate rebalancing rate decreases pending approval before the Commission:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
<u>Basic Residential Dial Tone Line Services:</u>				
(1) Unlimited Flat Rate Service	\$12.78	\$13.10	\$0.32	2.5%
(2) Message Rate / "B" Service	\$7.29	\$7.61	\$0.32	4.4%
(3) Economy 1 Service	\$6.00	\$6.32	\$0.32	5.3%
(4) Flat/Rate Message Rate Service	\$8.59	\$8.91	\$0.32	3.7%
<u>Basic Business Dial Tone Line Service:</u>				
(5) Message Rate Service	\$14.60	\$15.26	\$0.66	4.5%

¹ Telephone Tariff No. 05-3, In the Matter of the Application of Verizon Washington, DC Inc. For Authority to Amend the Local Exchange Services Tariff, P.S.C. - No. 202 ("TT 05-3"), Letter from J. Henry Ambrose of Verizon Washington, DC Inc. to Dorothy Wideman, Commission Secretary, filed December 12, 2005 ("Application").

² See Formal Case No. 988, In The Matter Of The Development Of Universal Service Standards And The Universal Service Trust Fund For The District Of Columbia, Universal Service Working Group's Rate Rebalancing Proposal, rel. November 4, 2005 and Order No. 13810, rel. November 8, 2005.

Usage:

(6) Residential Message Units	\$0.060	\$0.065	\$0.005	8.3%
(7) Business Message Units	\$0.090	\$0.099	\$0.009	10.0%

4. Verizon DC states that the services identified above are classified in the Basic Service Category under Verizon DC's Price Cap Plan 2004 ("Price Cap Plan").³ Verizon DC asserts that, with the exception of basic residential dial tone services, it may request an increase in the rate for each service by up to 10% annually under the Price Cap Plan. Verizon DC contends that basic residential dial tone line services are capped until January 1, 2006.⁴ Verizon DC states that, after that time it may request an increase up to \$0.32.

5. This Application is on file with the Commission and may be reviewed at the Office of the Commission Secretary, 1333 H Street, N.W., Seventh Floor, East Tower, Washington, D.C. 20005, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the proposed tariff pages are available upon request, at a per-page reproduction costs.

6. Comments on the proposed tariff pages must be made in writing to Ms. Dorothy Wideman, Commission Secretary, at the above address. All comments must be received within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this NOPR in the *D.C. Register*. Persons wishing to file reply comments may do so no later than forty-five (45) days of the date of publication of this NOPR in the *D.C. Register*. Once the comment and reply comment periods have expired, the Commission will take final rulemaking action on Verizon DC's filing.

³ TT 05-3, Application at 1.

⁴ *Id.* at 2.